

*Spectroscopic study of Kaonic nuclei  
using inclusive and exclusive  
 $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  reaction at J-PARC*

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# Outline

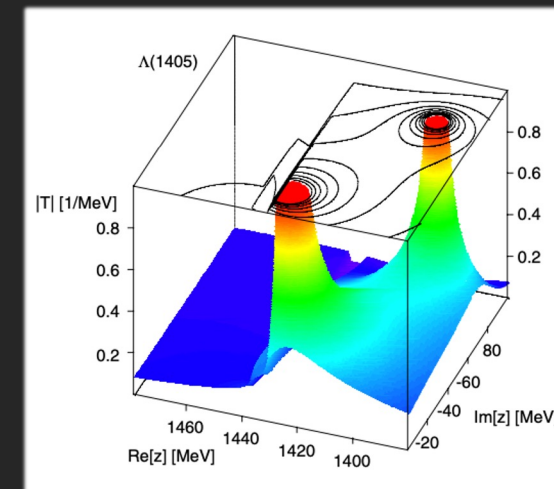
- $\bar{K}N$  interaction and  $\bar{K}$ -nucleon bound system
- Kaonic nucleus search via inclusive  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  reaction
  - Result: optical potential
  - Result: event excess
- New attempt of exclusive search with TPC at J-PARC (E42 experiment)
  - Experimental setup
  - Basic analysis
  - Result: missing mass resolution of  $p(K^-, p)$  reaction
  - Result: inclusive spectrum of  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  reaction
  - Result: exclusive spectrum with request for tracks in TPC
- Summary

# *Introduction*

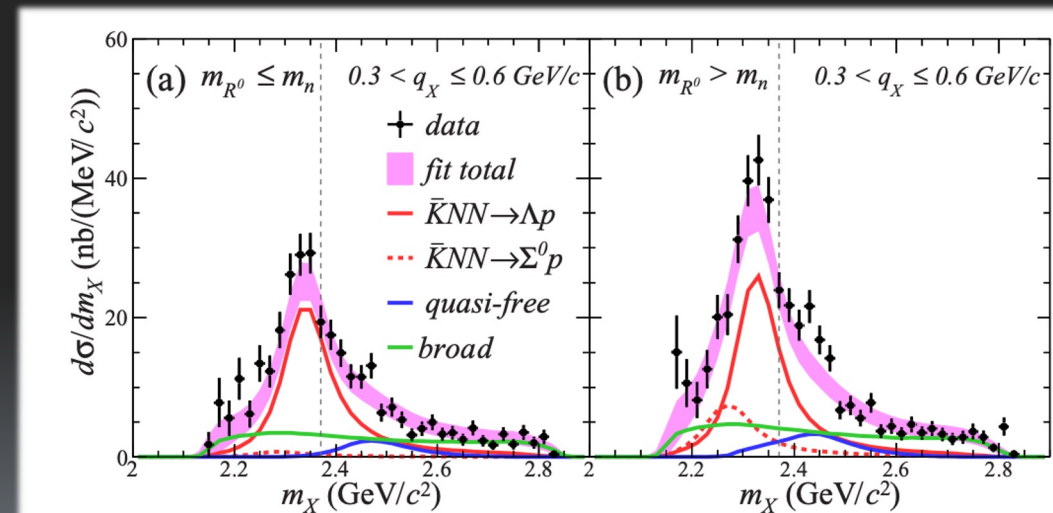
# $\bar{K}N$ interaction & $\bar{K}$ -nucleon bound system

[1] T. Hyodo, D. Jido  
Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys., **67**,  
021D01 (2015)

- $\bar{K}N$  ( $I=0$ ) attractive interaction results in  $\Lambda^*(1405)$ ? [1]
- $\bar{K}NN$  state search (J-PARC E15) [2]
  - Clear bump structure in invariant mass via  ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$
  - Lightest kaonic nucleus
  - $B_K = 42 \pm 3 \pm_4^3 \text{ MeV} / \Gamma = 100 \pm 7 \pm_9^{19} \text{ MeV}$
  - Due to  $\bar{K}N$  and  $\Lambda^*N$  attraction?



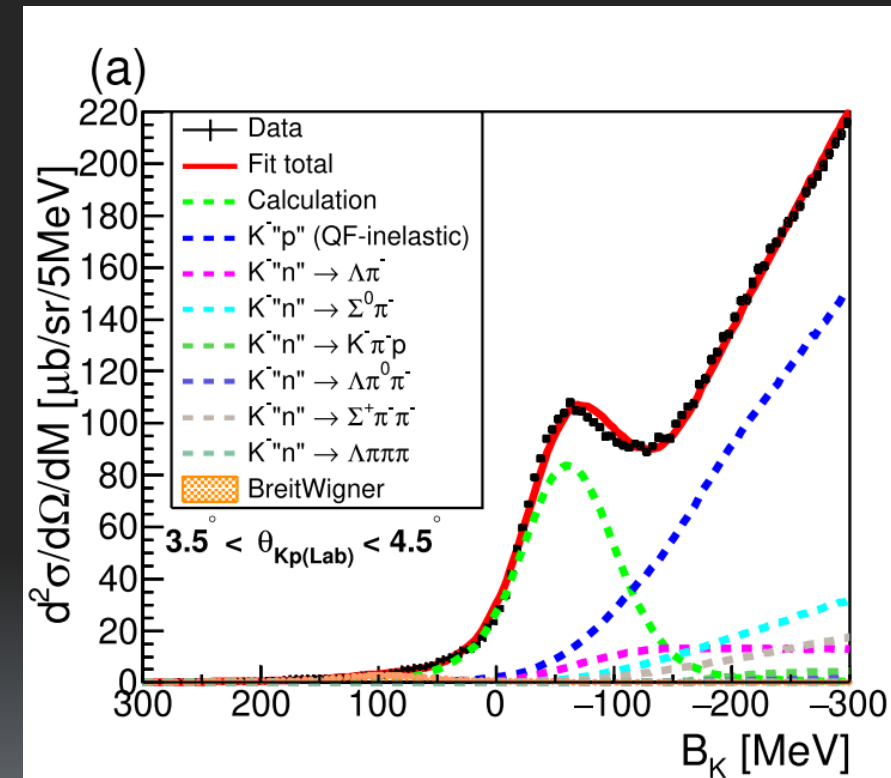
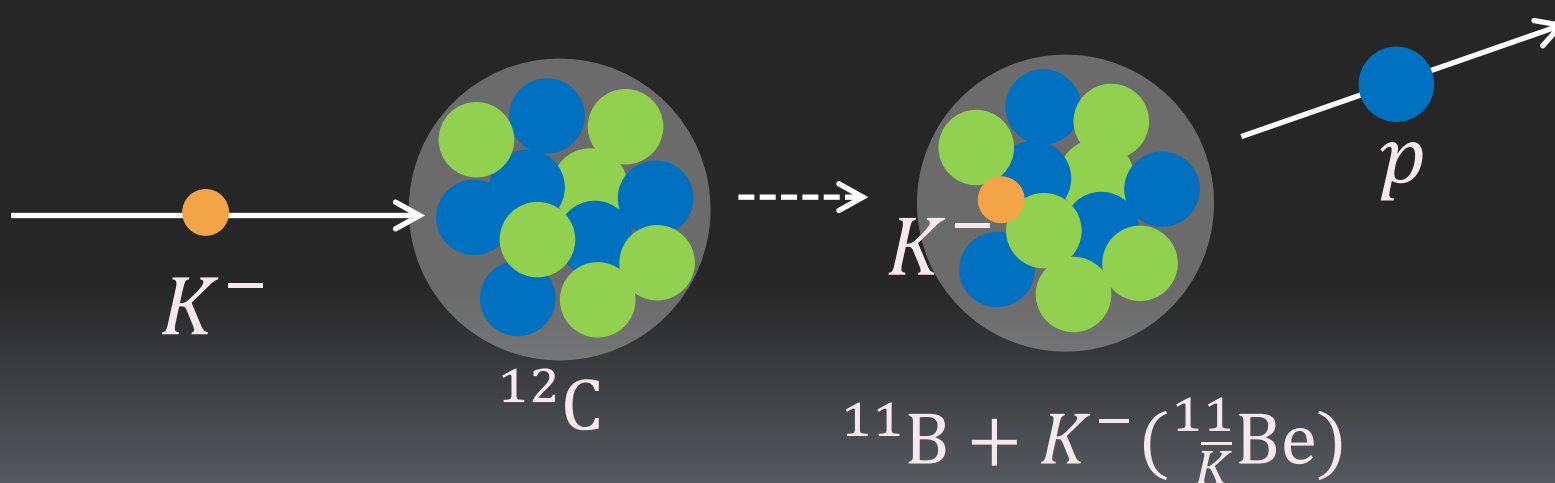
[2] T. Yamaga *et al.*  
Phys. Rev. C **102**,  
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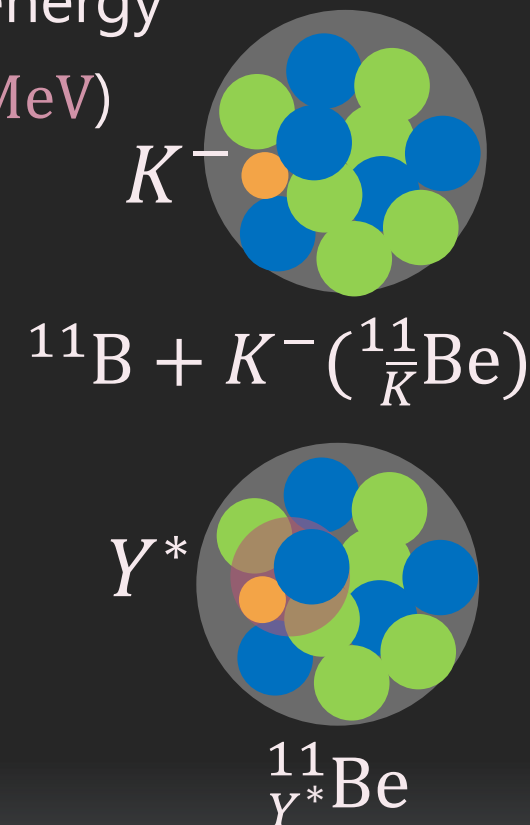
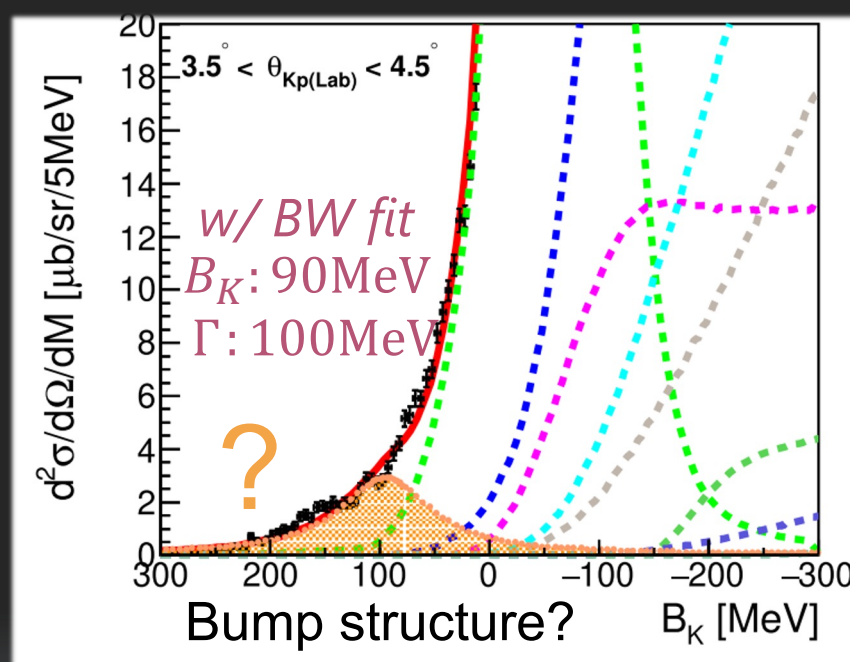
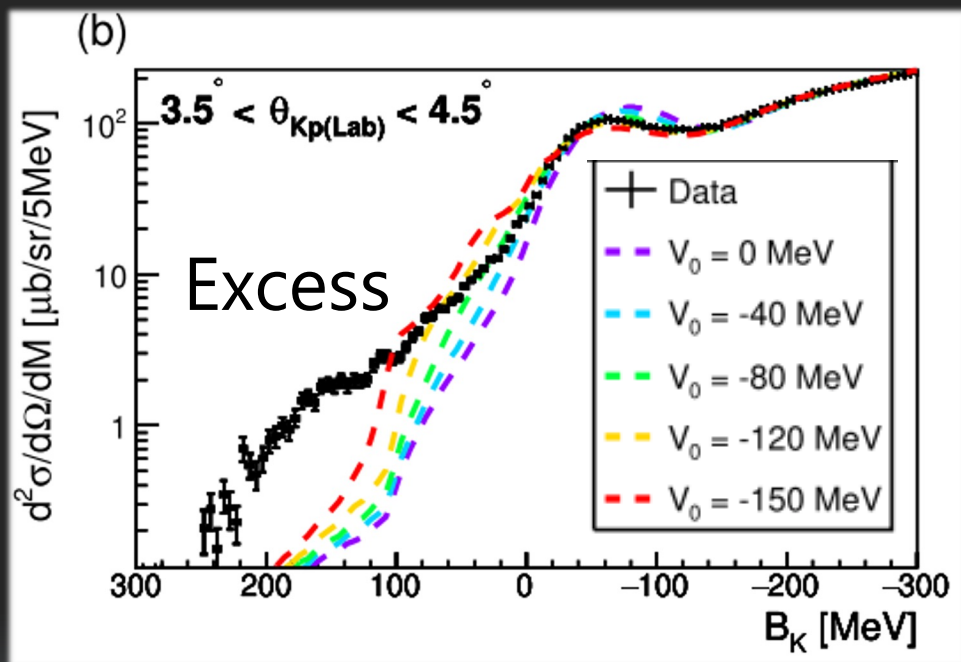
- $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  binding energy
  - $B_K = -\text{MissingMass} + \text{Mass}^{11}\text{B} + \text{MassKaon}$
  - Optical potential between  $K^-$  and the core nucleus
    - $(V_0, W_0) = (-80, -40)$  [MeV] [3]
    - $(V_0, W_0$ : real/imaginary part)

[3] Y. Ichikawa et al.,  
PTEP **2020**,  
123D01(2020)



# Kaonic nucleus search via inclusive $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$ reaction (J-PARC E05)

- Event excess in a deeper energy region of  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  binding energy
  - Come from a  $Y^*$  bound state? (BW fit:  $B_K: 90\text{MeV}, \Gamma = 100\text{MeV}$ )

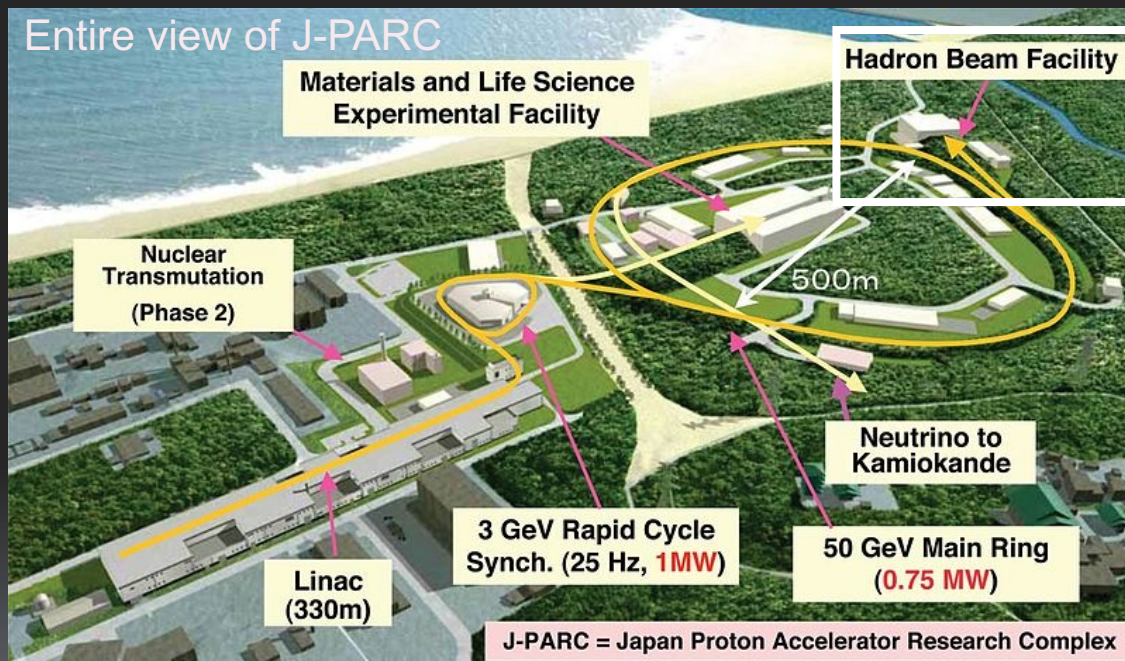


- We can exclusively access this bump structure using data of a recent experiment at J-PARC (E42 experiment)

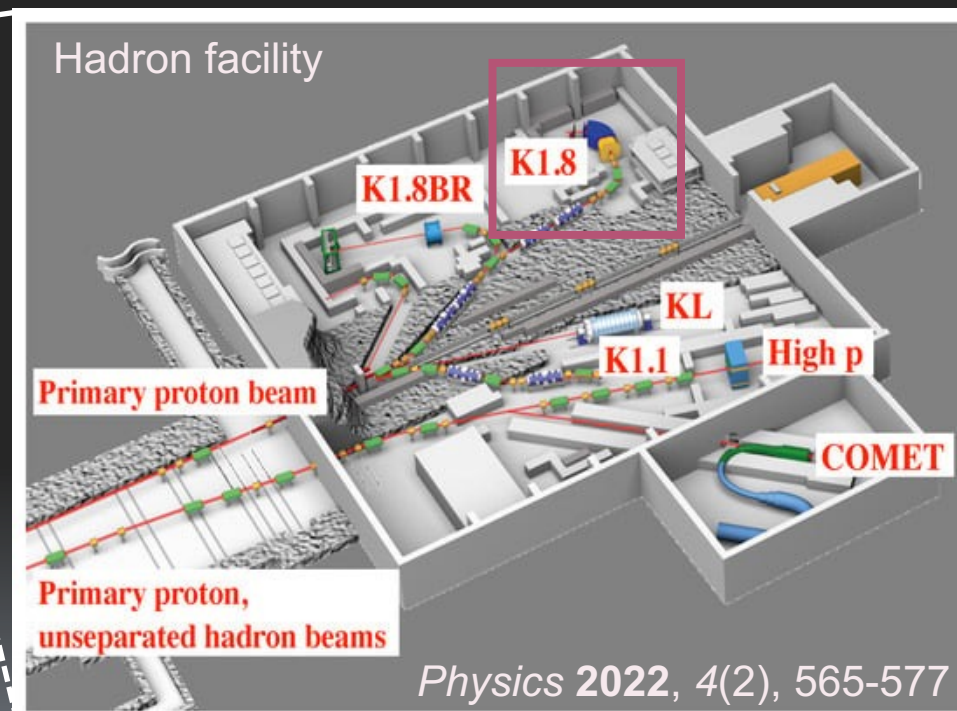
*Kaonic nucleus search  
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(J-PARC E42)*

# J-PARC E42 experiment

- **J-PARC** (Japan Proton Accelerator Research Complex)  
high energy and high intensity proton beam is available
- Hadron hall  
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Joint Project between KEK and JAEA





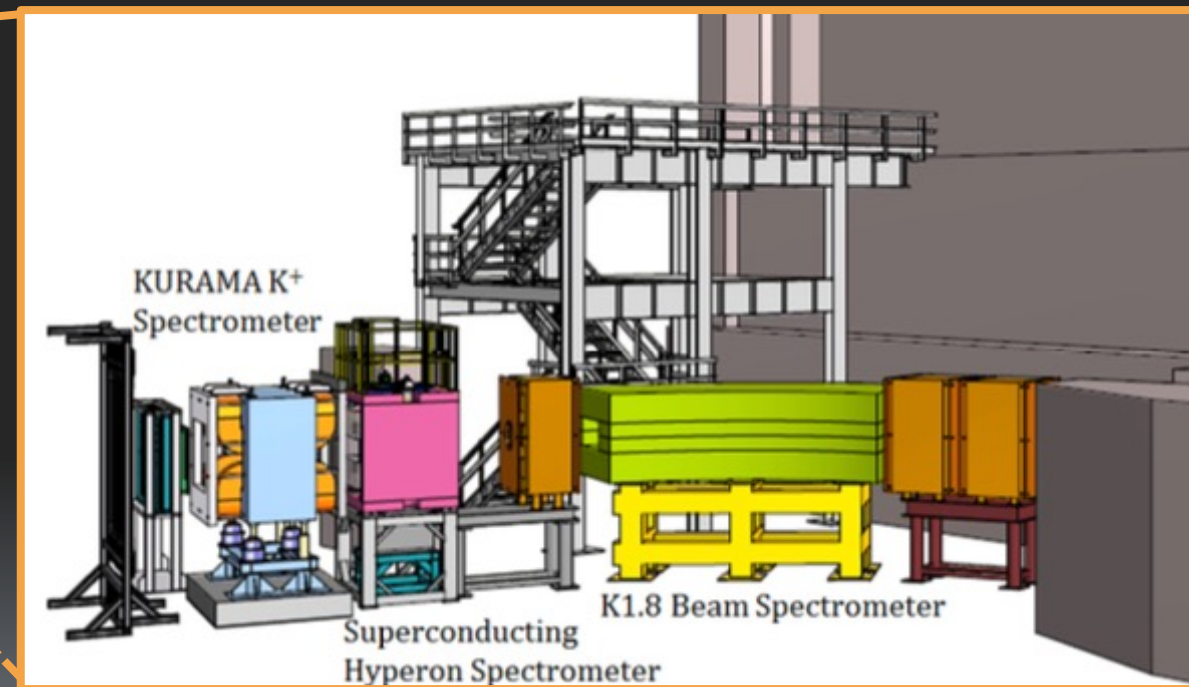
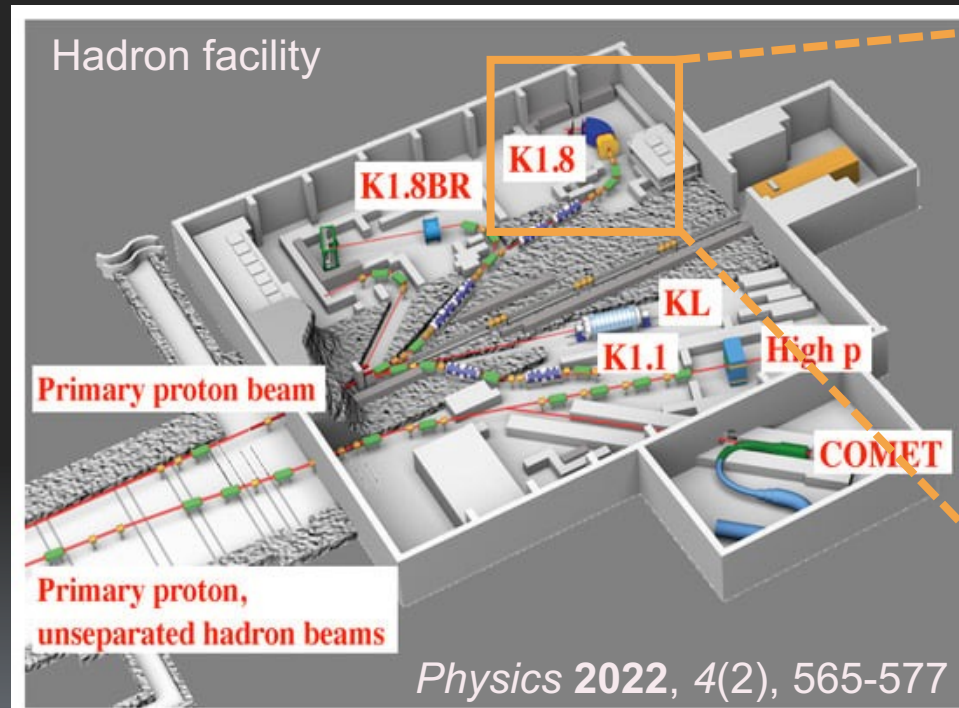
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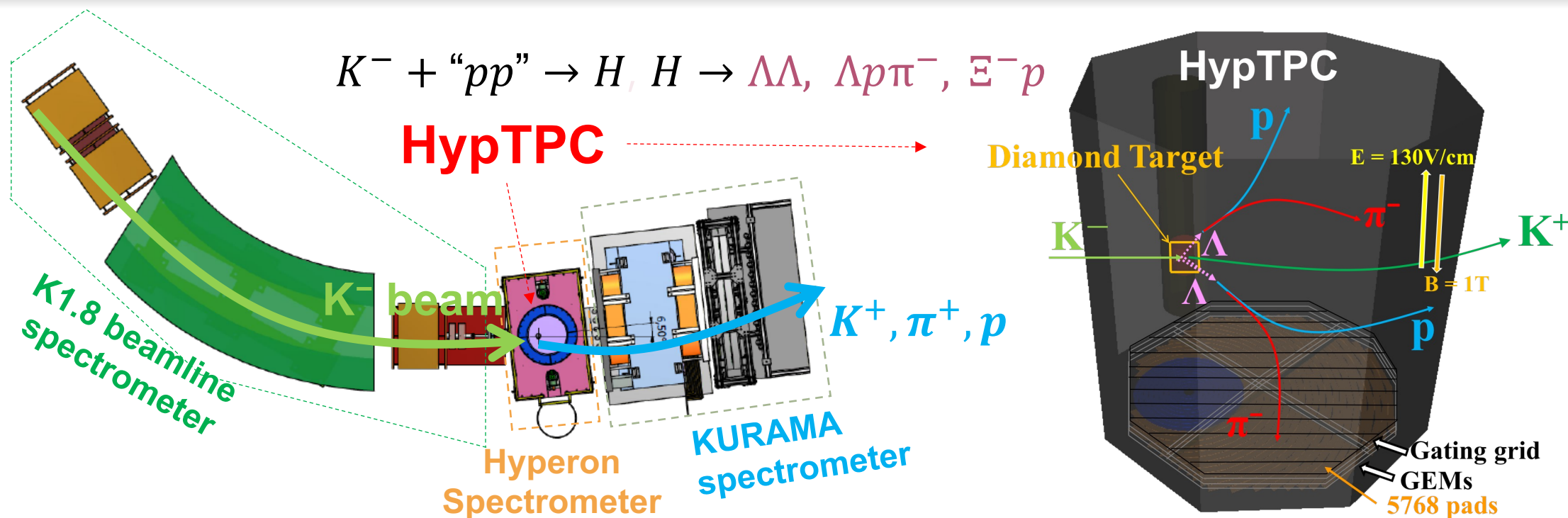
- K1.8 beamline

High-intensity ( $\sim 10^7$  Hz) and high-momentum ( $\sim 1.8$  GeV/c) Kaon beam is available



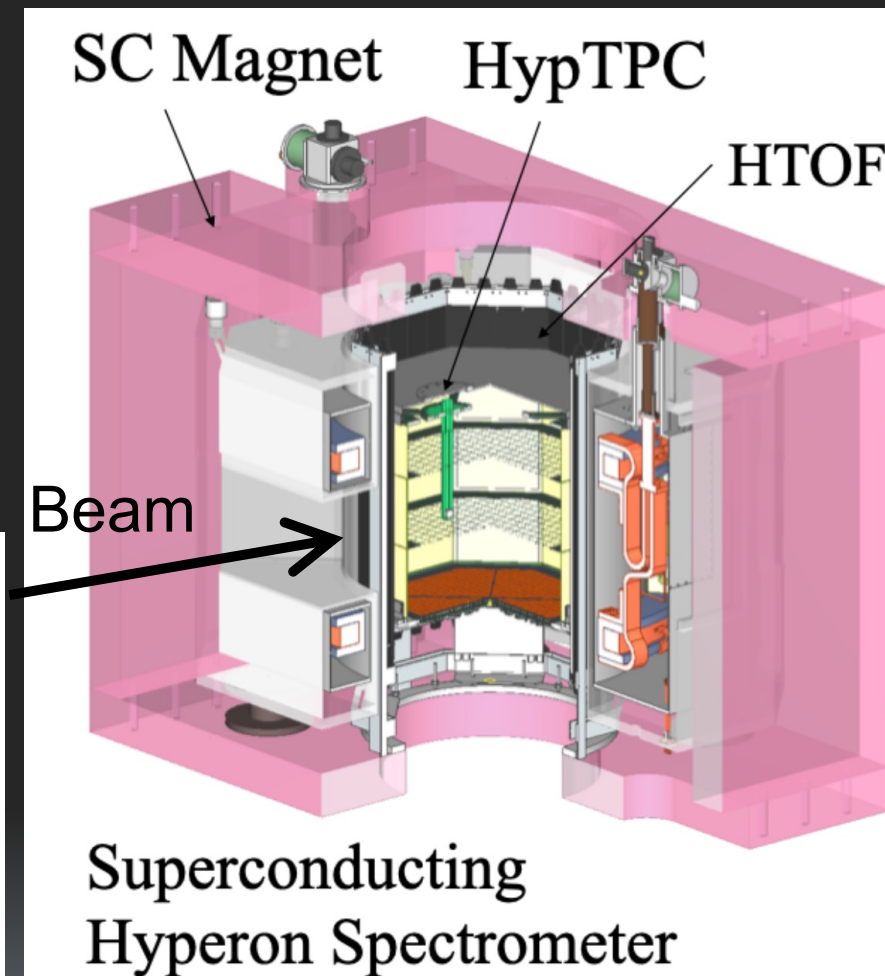
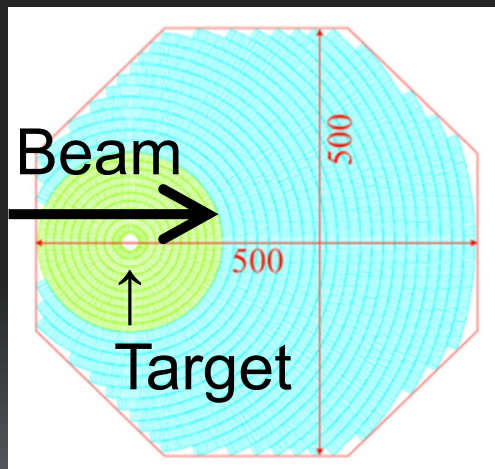
# J-PARC E42 experiment

- Invariant mass spectroscopy of H-dibaryon using **HypTPC** (J-PARC E42)  
Completed in 2021  
-1.8 GeV/c Kaon beam on a diamond target



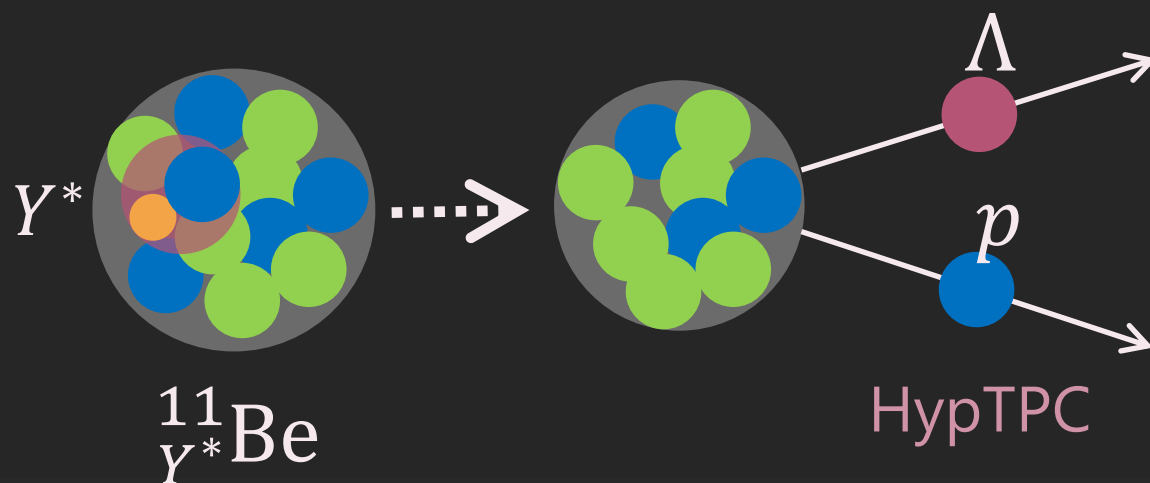
# HypTPC

- GEM-based time projection chamber
- ~5700 GEM pads are used
- Observables : Momentum, TOF, Energy deposit
  
- Large acceptance ( $\sim 4\pi$ ) (target installed in TPC)
- High-rate capability ( $\sim 10^6$ Hz)
- High resolution ( $\sim 1$  MeV in  $\sigma$ )

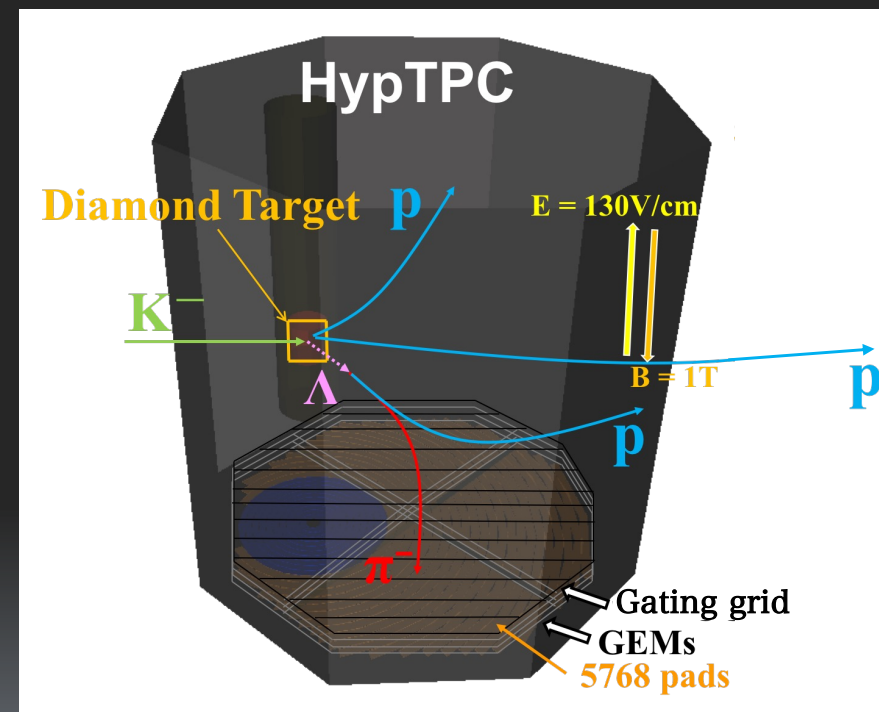


# Kaonic nucleus search measuring $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$ and decay particles

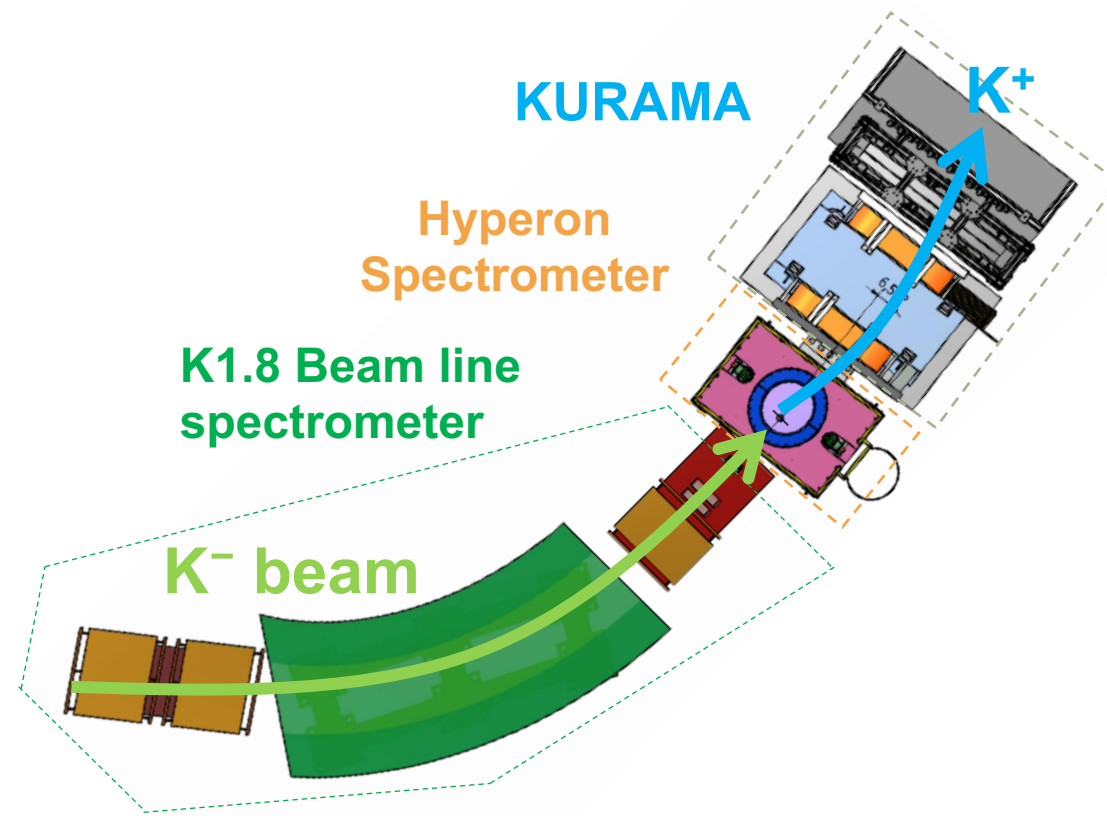
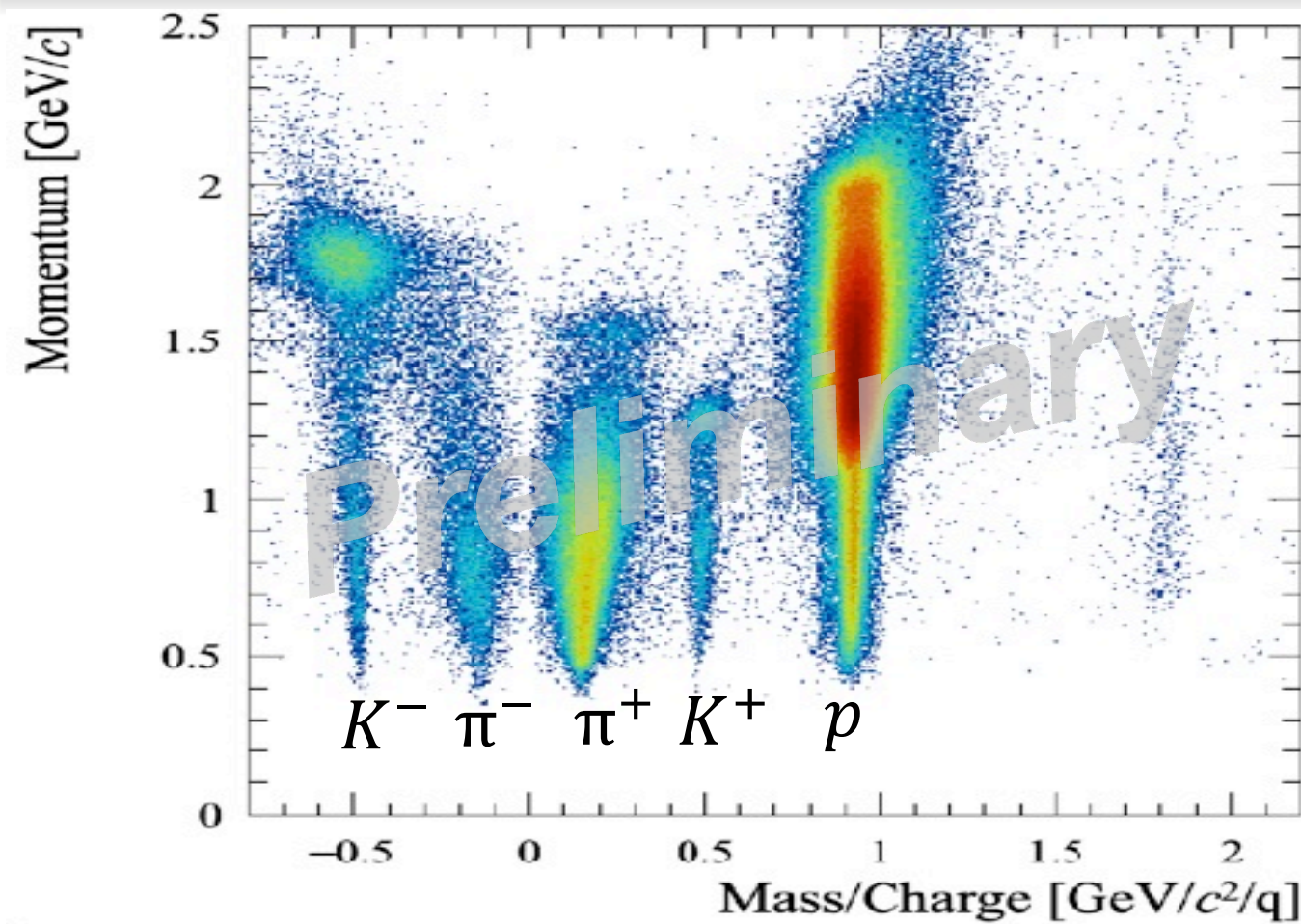
- We can search  $\bar{K}$  nucleus via the same  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  reaction as E05(inclusive)
- Possible to measure decay particles  $\Lambda p$  using Time-Projection chamber, HypTPC
- Possible to observe a clear bump structure with good S/N ratio



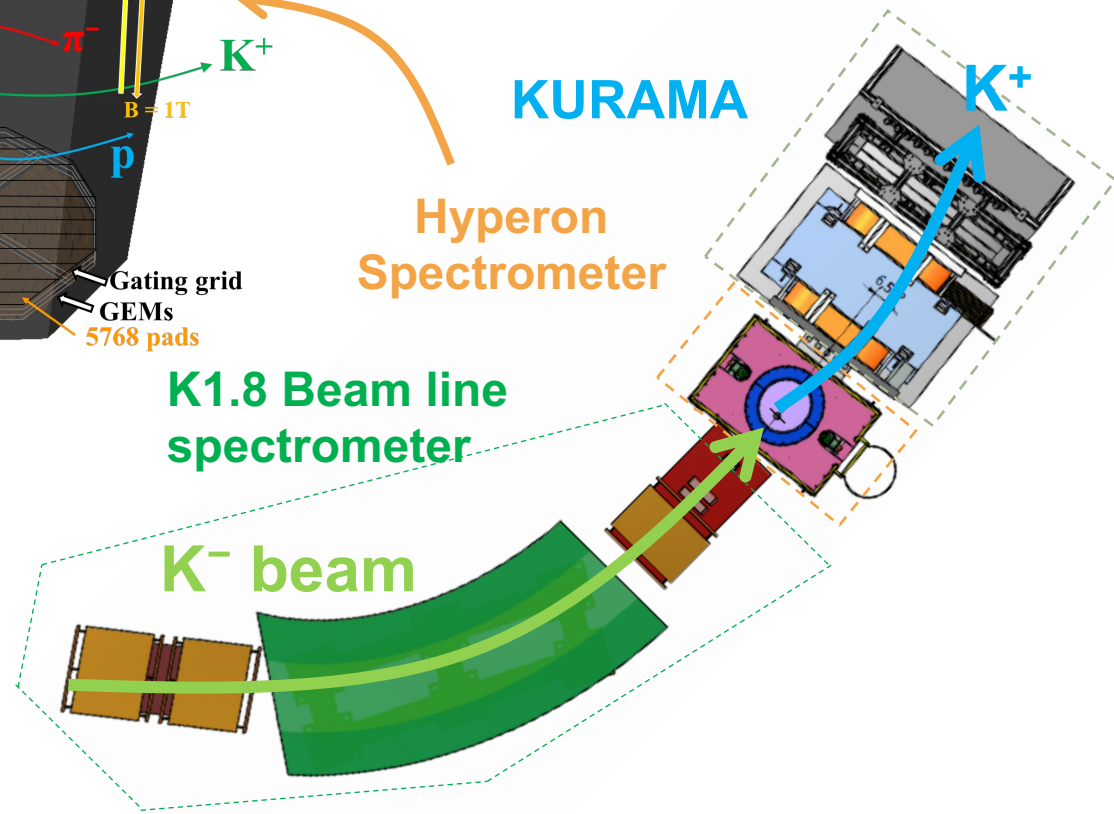
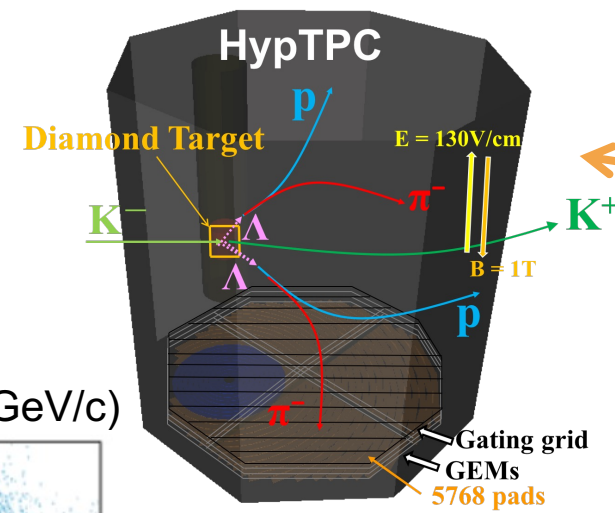
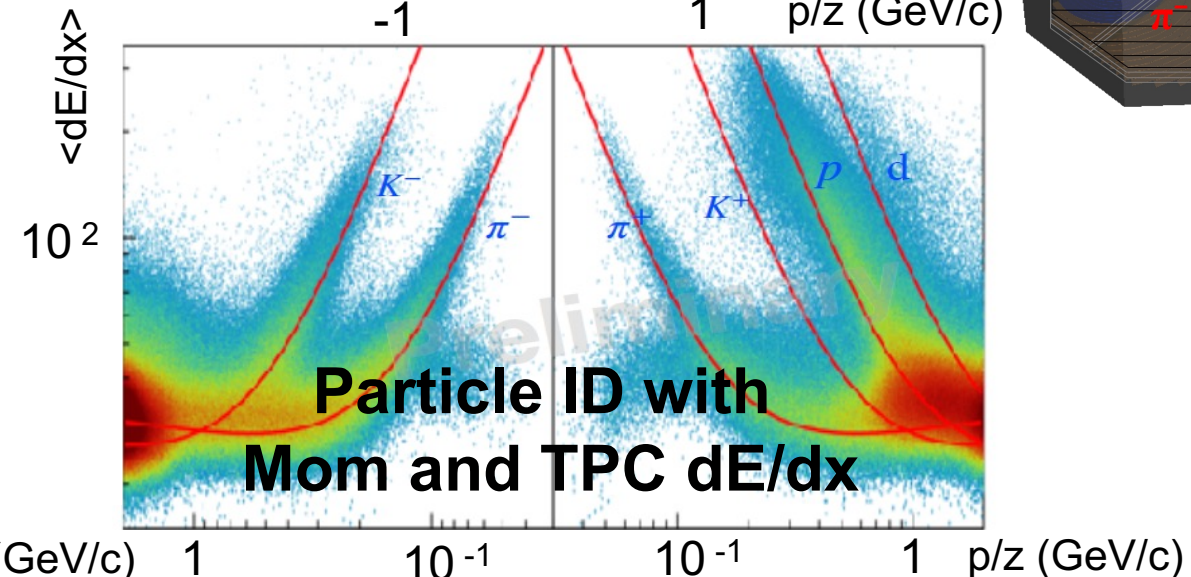
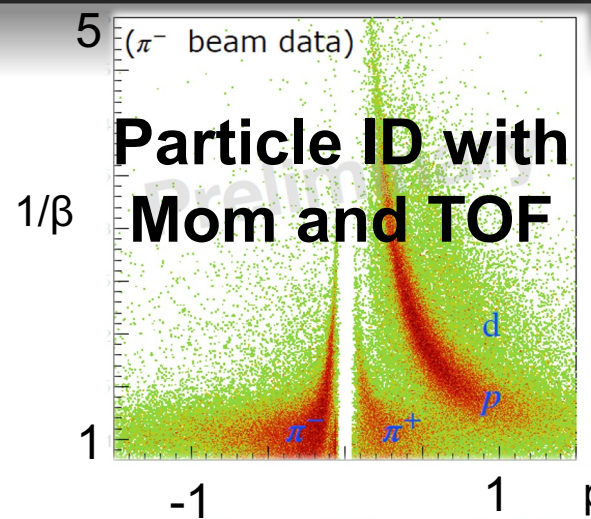
Measurement of  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  missing mass  
with  $\Lambda p$  coincidence



# Analysis of *KURAMA* spectrometer for the *forward* scattered particles

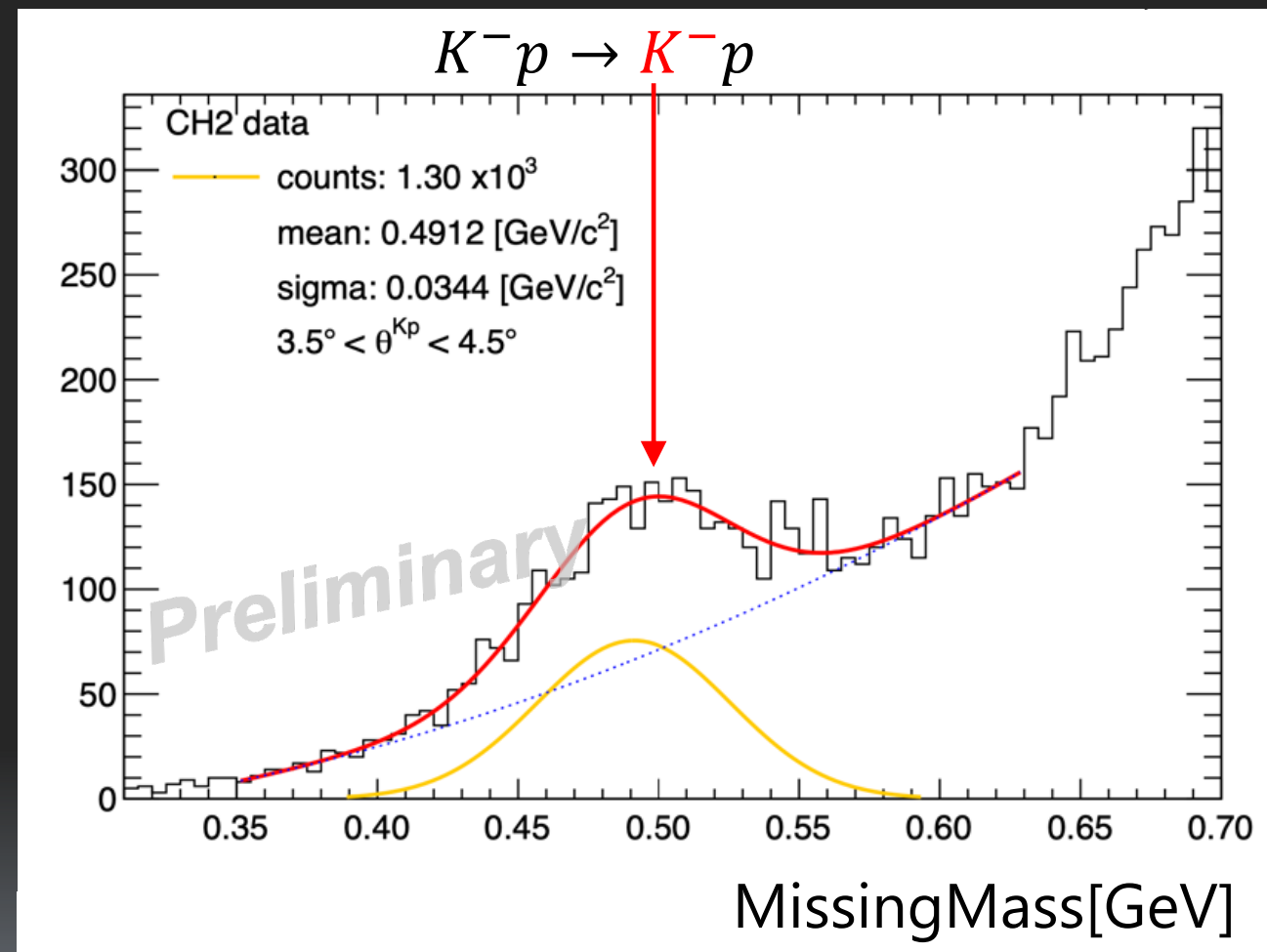


# Analysis of *Hyperon Spectrometer (HypTPC)* for decay particles



# Missing mass of $p(K^-, p)$ reaction

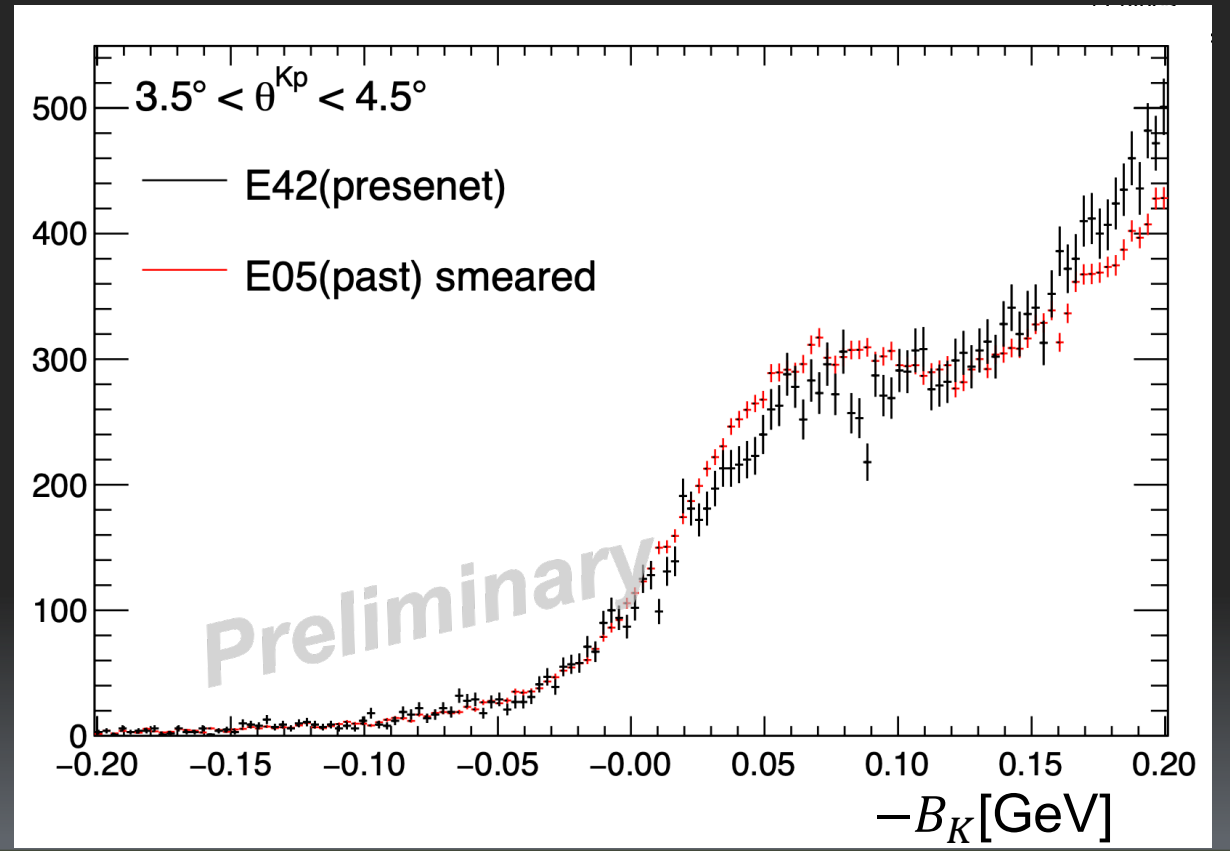
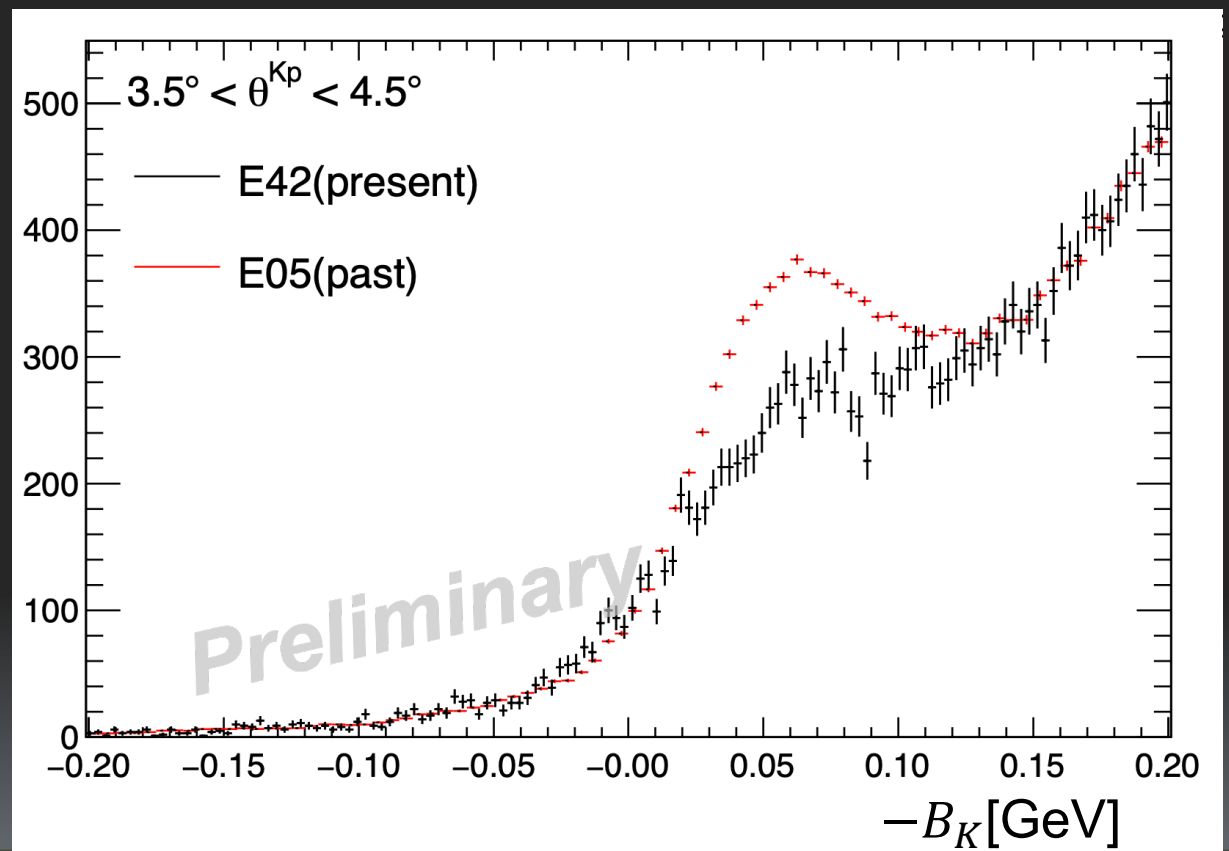
- Fitted with gaussian + quadratic
- Resolution of elastic kaon: 34.4 MeV ( $\sigma$ )
- From this value, we can estimate resolution for  $B_K$  of  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  around 0 MeV to be 22 MeV ( $\sigma$ )



# Inclusive spectrum of $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$ reaction

▫ Binding energy of  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  of **E05data** (scaled) and E42 data

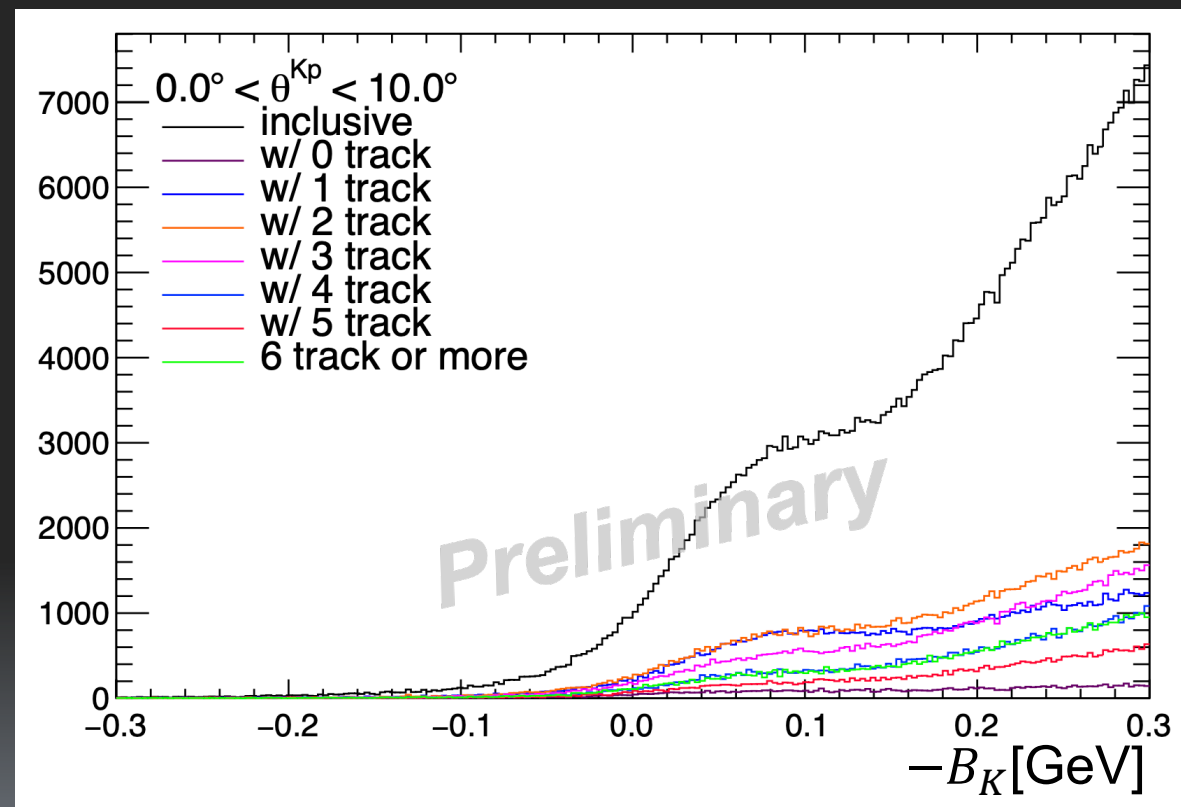
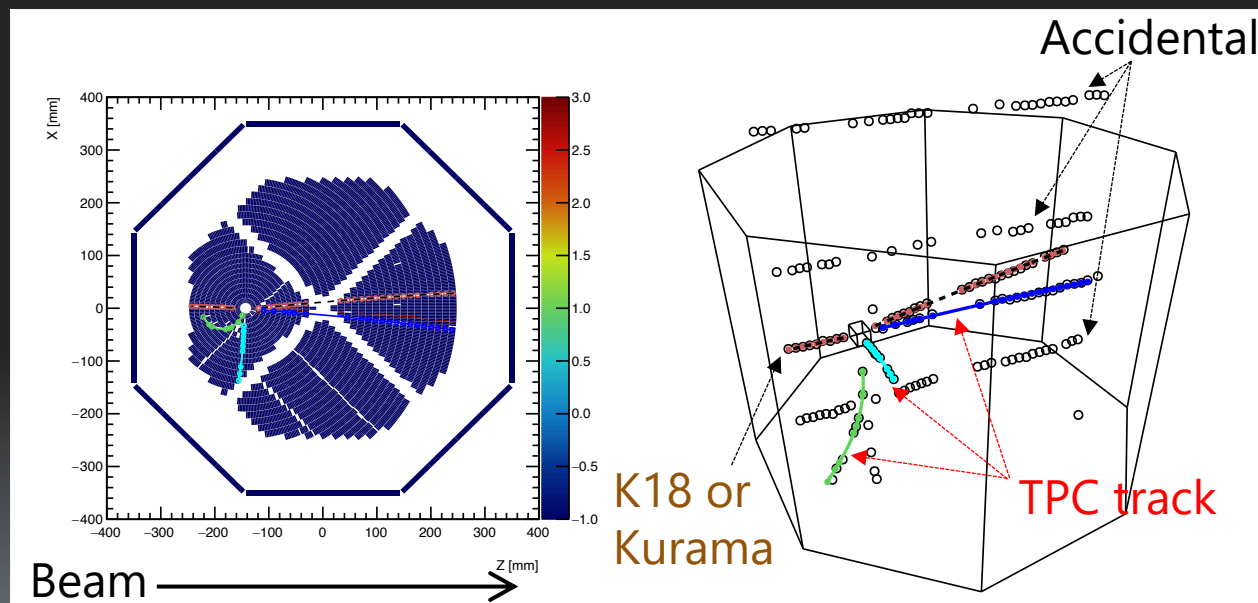
▫ E05 data smeared with E42 resolution (22 MeV in  $\sigma$ )





# Exclusive spectrum of $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$ with request for TPC tracking

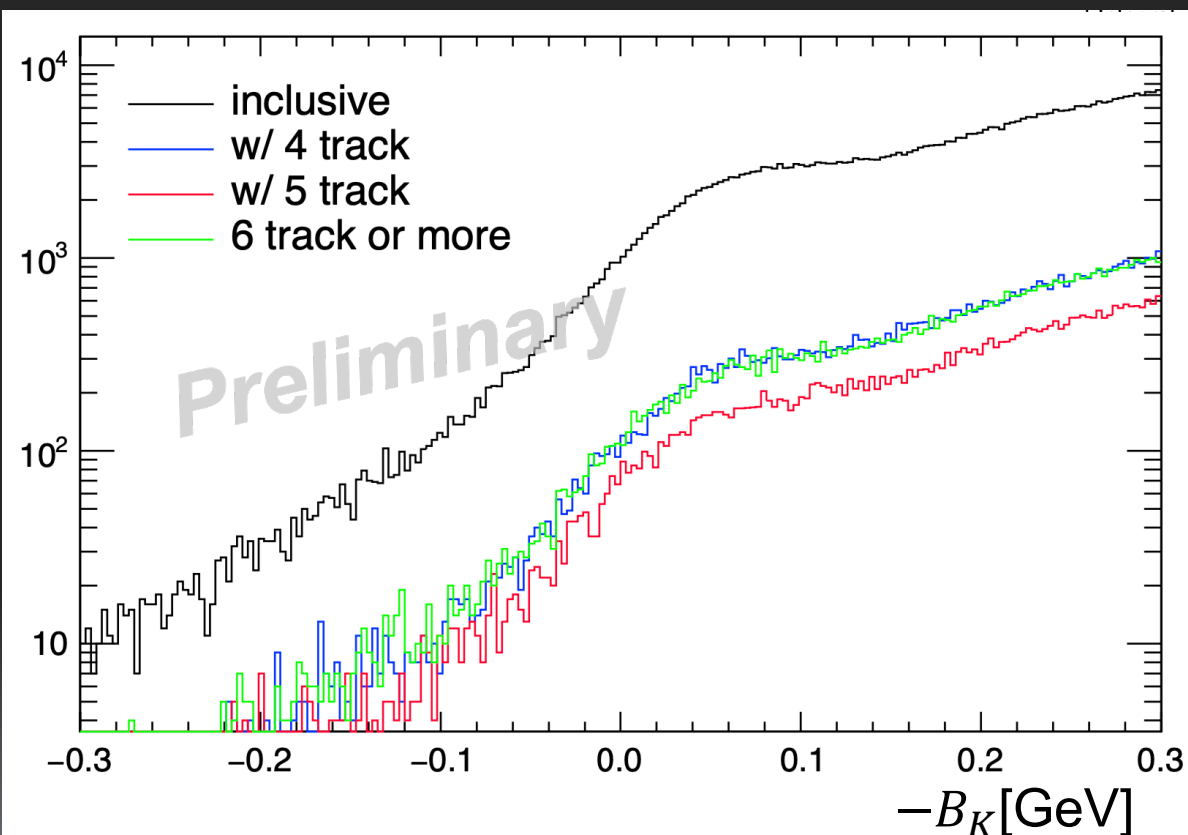
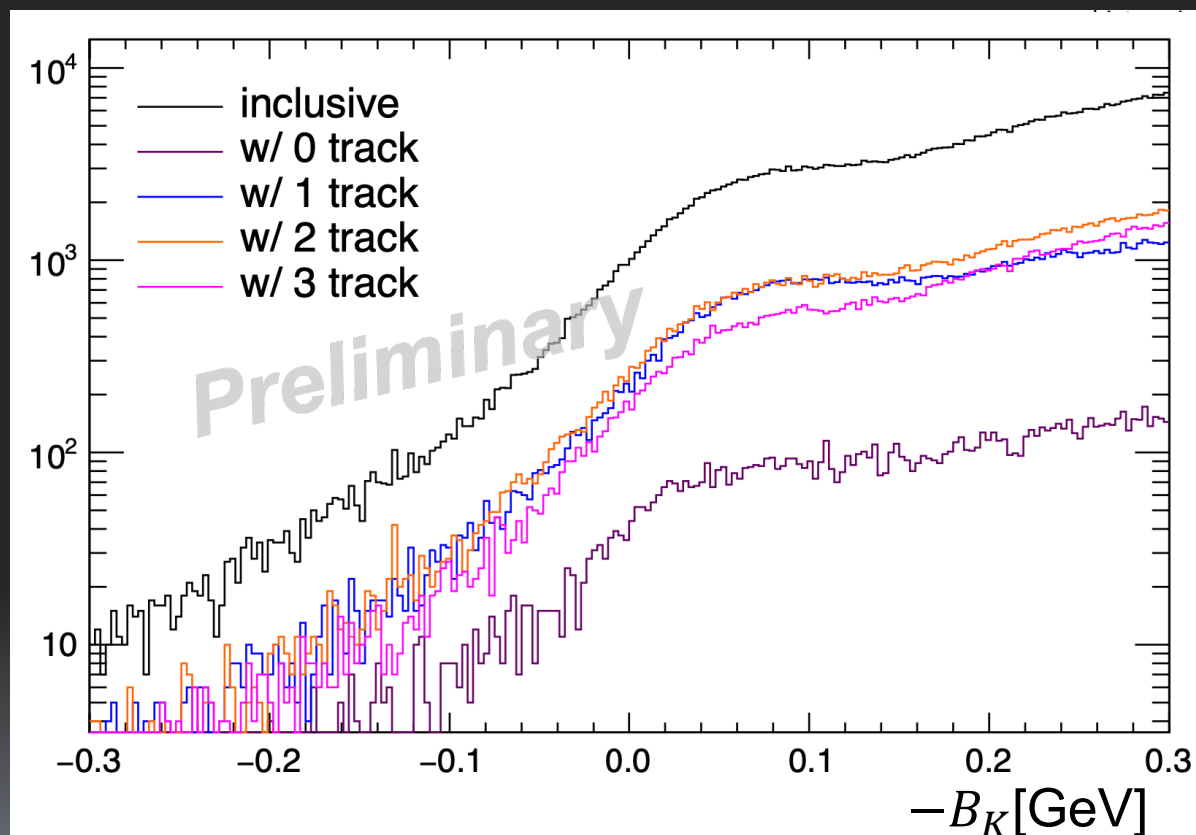
- Binding Energy
  - Beam Kaon and Scattered proton are requested
  - $0^\circ < \theta^{kp} < 10^\circ$
  
- $\text{TPCTrack} = \text{trackTotal} - \text{trackBeam}$   
 – trackKurama – trackAccidental



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In bound region, 2 or 3 tracks can be seen more than others. For further discuss, it's necessary to require PID or momentum.



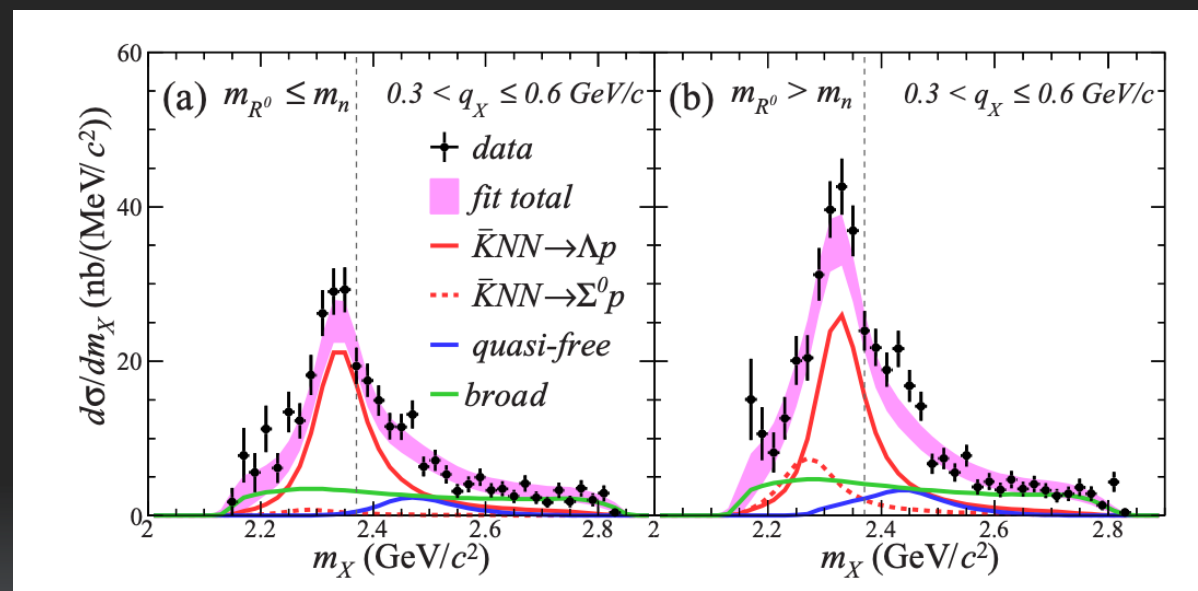
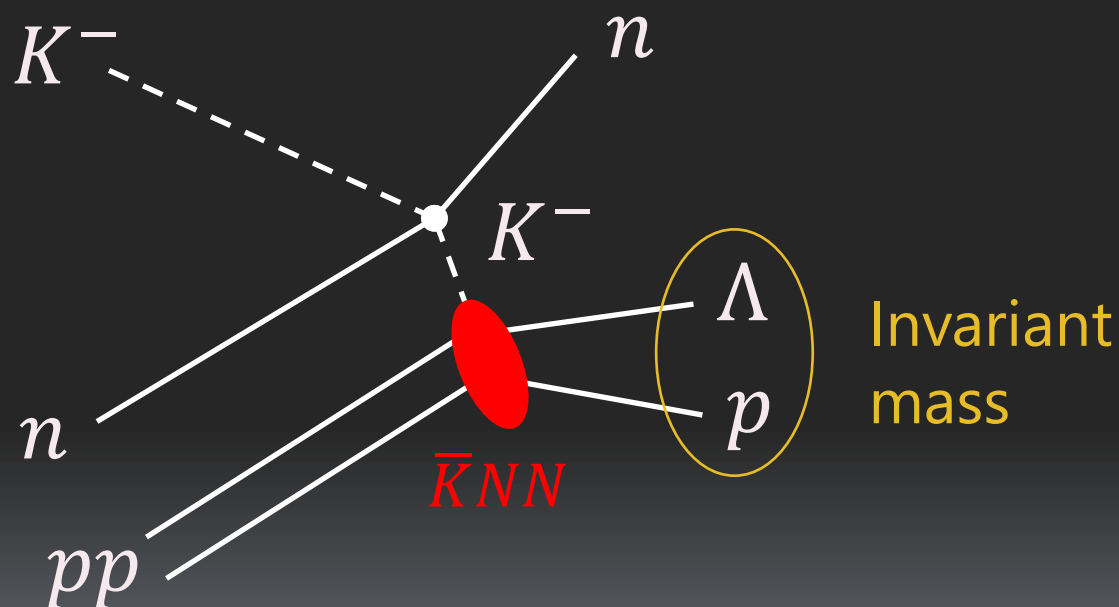
# Summary

- $\bar{K}N$  interaction and  $\bar{K}N$  bound system are still unclear
- Inclusive spectroscopy via  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  (E05 experiment)
  - Determined optical potential between  $K^-$  and the core nucleus
  - Observed event excess in deeper region of binding energy
- Exclusive spectroscopy via  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  using HypTPC (E42 experiment)
  - Was completed in 2021
  - Can access event excess measuring decay particle with HypTPC
  - Analysis is ongoing
    - Energy resolution of  $B_K$  was  $\sim 20$  MeV estimated by  $p(K^-, p)$
    - Comparison of  $B_K$  between this experiment and past experiment
    - Exclusive spectrum with request for multiplicity of tracks in TPC
  - Further analysis like decay particle identification and momentum measurement is ongoing.

# Backup slides

# $\bar{K}NN$ Search via ${}^3\text{He}(K^-, \Lambda p)n$ (J-PARC E15)

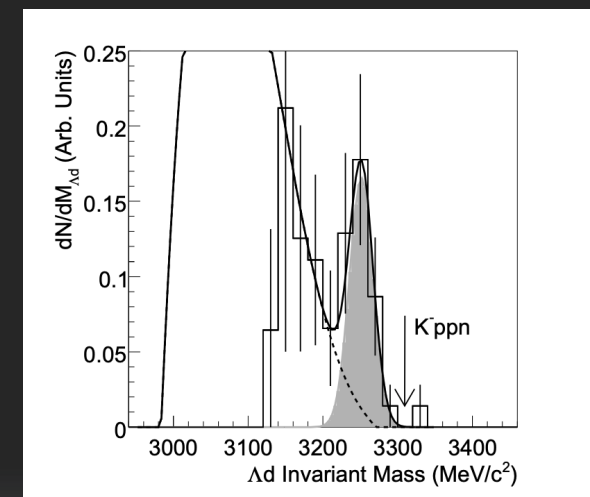
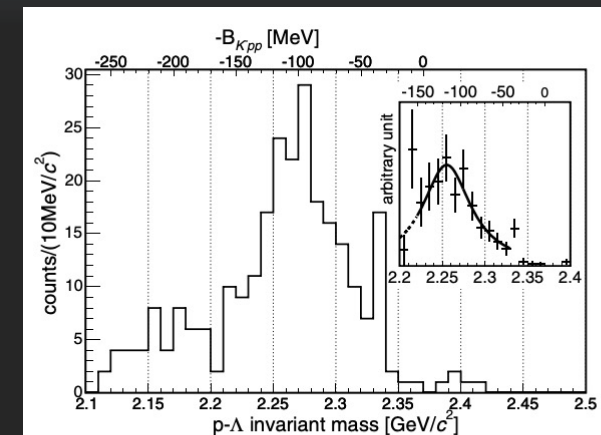
- Clear bump structure was observed.
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  - $B_K = 42 \pm 3 \text{ }^{+3}_{-4}$  MeV ( $B_K = m_K + A \cdot M_N - M_{KA}$ )
  - Decay width  $\Gamma_K = 100 \pm 7 \text{ }^{+19}_{-9}$  MeV



T. Yamaga *et al.* (J-PARC E15 Collaboration)  
Phys. Rev. C **102**, 044002 (2020)

# Suggestion of Existence of $\bar{K}NNN, \bar{K}NNNN, \dots$

- $\bar{K}NN$  was found also in FINUDA experiment
  - Back-to-back  $\Lambda p$  pair
  - Invariant mass is much lower than  $\Lambda p$
- $\bar{K}NNN, \bar{K}NNNN$  were also found
  - Back-to-back  $\Lambda d$  and  $\Lambda t$  pairs
  - Smaller binding energy than that of  $\bar{K}NN$
- Theoretical suggestion
  - $\bar{K}NNN, \bar{K}NNNN, \bar{K}NNNNNN$  [1]
  - Heavier states like  $^{256}\text{Pb} + K^-$  have large  $B_K$  but large  $\Gamma_K$  [2]



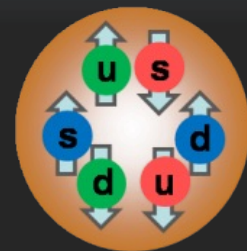
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# Search for H-dibaryon

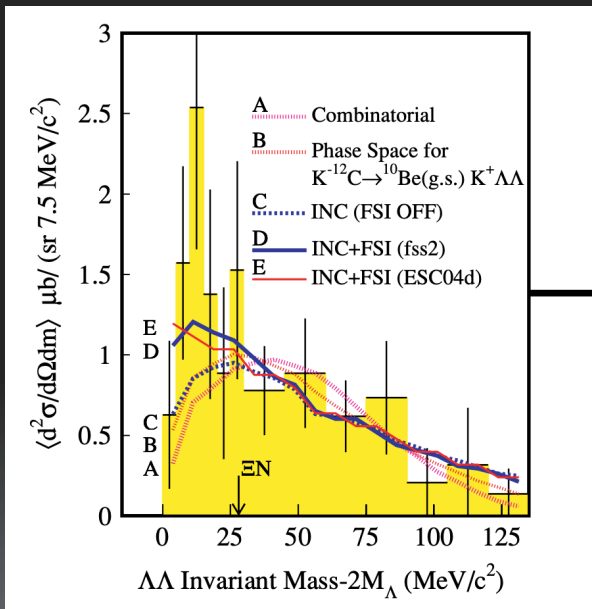


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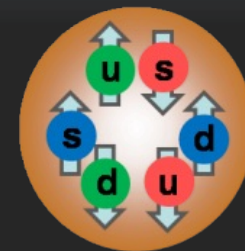
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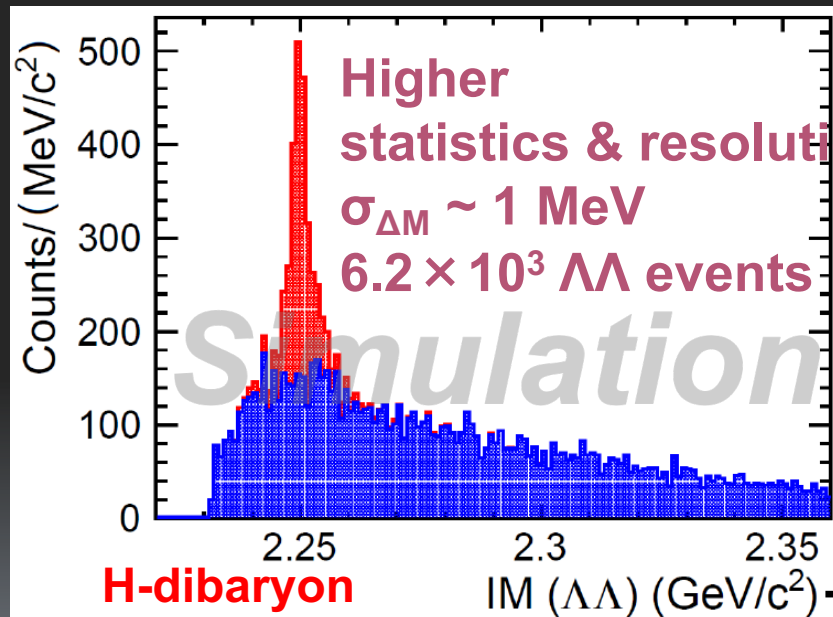


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# $\Lambda\Lambda$ reconstruction

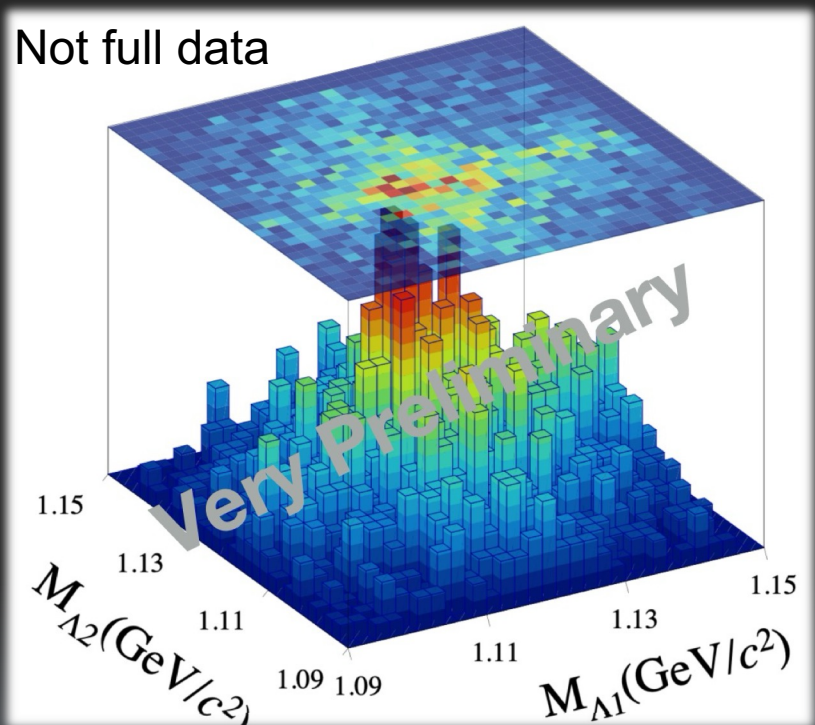
3000  $\Lambda\Lambda$  events are reconstructed  
(not full data)

## Summary of past experiments

	KEK E224	KEK E522
Beam $K^-$	$p_-(K^-) = 1.65 \text{ GeV}/c$	$p_-(K^-) = 1.66 \text{ GeV}/c$
$p_-(K^+) [\text{GeV}/c]$	$0.95 < p_-(K^+) < 1.3$	$0.9 < p_-(K^+) < 1.3$
$d\sigma/d\Omega(\Lambda\Lambda)$	$7.6 \mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$	$12.8 \mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$
$\Lambda\Lambda$ yield	35 events	68 events

## Comparison with expected yield

$p_-(K^+) [\text{GeV}/c]$	$0.95 < p_-(K^+) < 1.3$	$0.5 < p_-(K^+) < 1.3$
Assumed $d\sigma/d\Omega(\Lambda\Lambda)$	$7.6 \mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$	$12.8 \mu\text{b}/\text{sr}$
Expected $\Lambda\Lambda$	337 events	570 events
Expected $\Lambda\Lambda$ yield	520 events	880 events
Measured $\Lambda\Lambda$ yield	1,390 events	3,030 events



**More than expected! We will open H-dibaryon box soon!**

# *HypTPC enables investigation in many other topics*

- We are currently working on the following topics using E42 data;
  1. Kaonic nucleus search via exclusive  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$  reaction
  2. Measurement of  $\Xi$ -nucleus optical potential via  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)$
  3. Polarization measurement of  $\Xi$  and  $\Xi^*(1535)$  via  $p(K^-, K^+)\Xi/\Xi^*$
  4. Study of ChSB effect by measurement of  $K^*(892)$  vector mass via  $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$

**Hopefully, there may be many other byproducts!**

Byproduct.

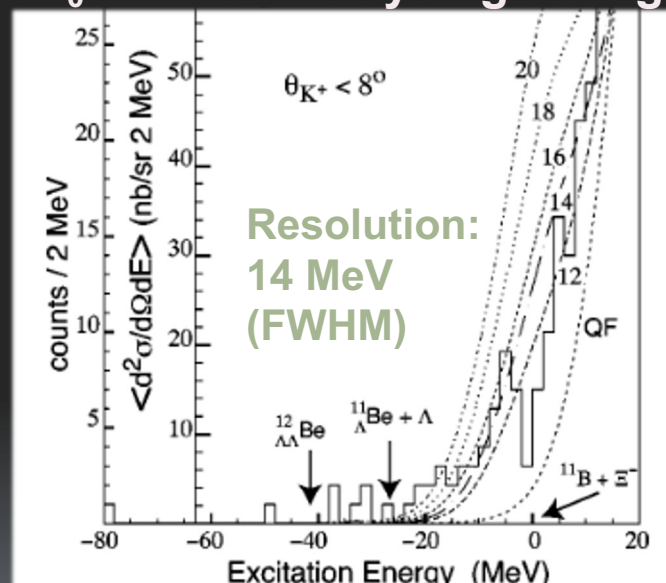
# Measurement of $\Xi^-$ -nucleus optical potential via $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)$

- Many experiments have been studying  $\Xi^-$ -nucleus interaction but its imaginary part has not been well determined yet. Difficult to determine from the inclusive measurement.

## BNL E885

$^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)$  inclusive spectrum

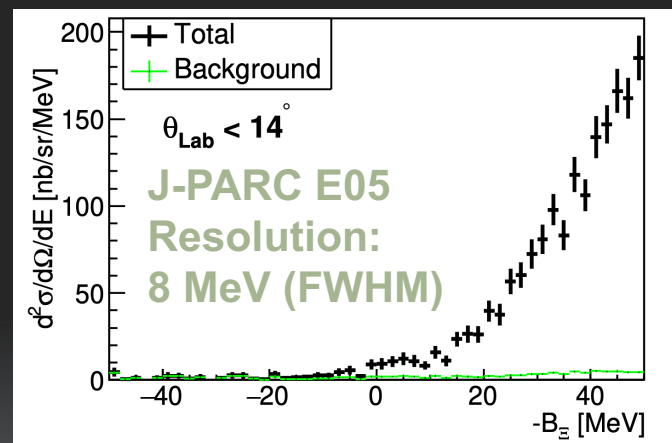
→  $V_0^{\Xi} \sim -14$  MeV by neglecting  $W_0^{\Xi}$



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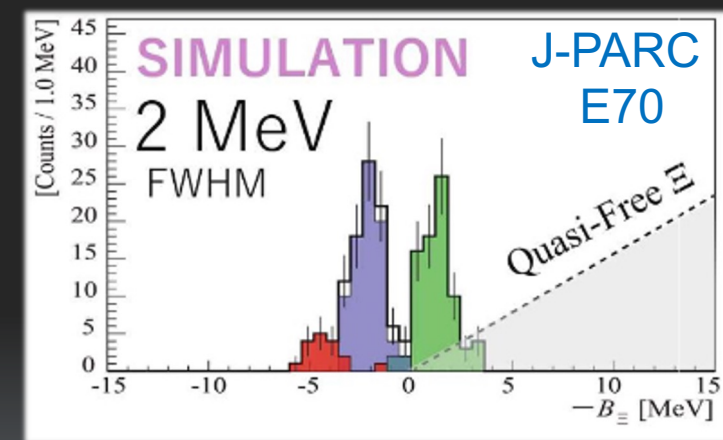
## J-PARC E05/E70

$^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)$  inclusive spectrum with wide  $B_{\Xi}$  range is taken.



Y. Ichikawa *et al.*, PTEP, to be published

Best resolution 2 MeV will be achieved in E70



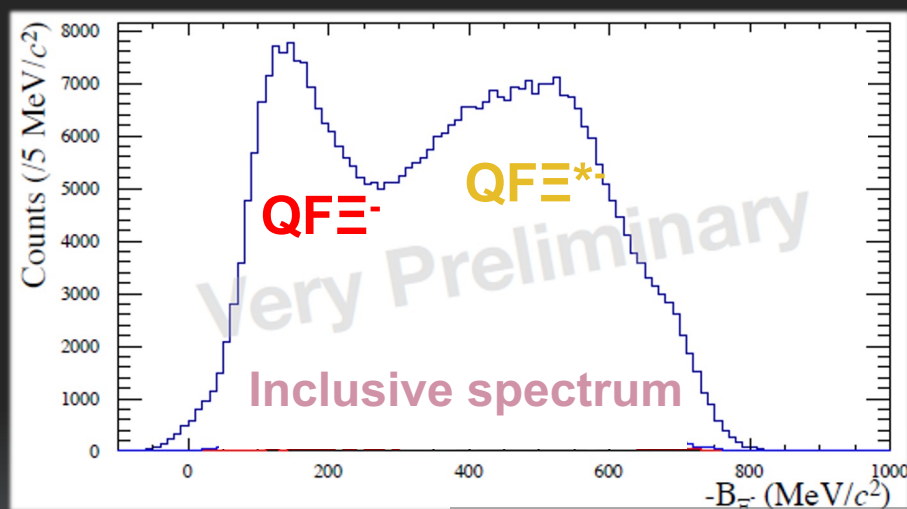
T. Gogami *et al.*, EPJ Web Conf. 271, 1102 (2022).

Byproduct.

# Measurement of $\Xi^-$ -nucleus optical potential via $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)$

- E42 experiment can investigate  $\Xi^-$  escape or  $\Xi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$  conversion spectra
- Sensitive to the imaginary part of the potential!

$^{12}\text{C}(K^-, K^+)$  inclusive spectrum

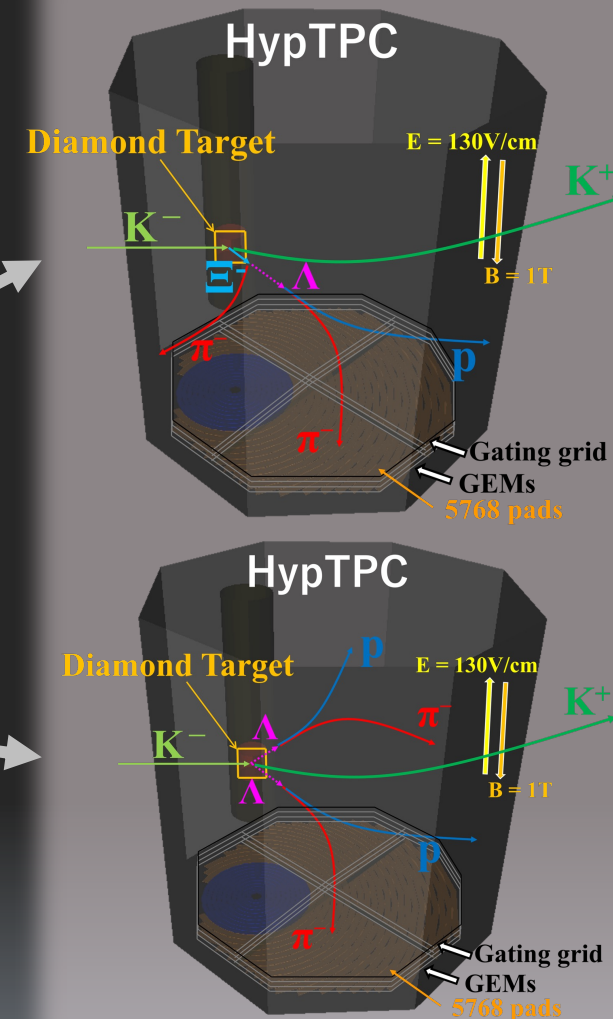


**QF $\Xi^-$ :**  $K^- \text{ "p"} \rightarrow \Xi^- K^+$

**QF $\Xi^*^-$ :**  $K^- \text{ "p"} \rightarrow \Xi^*(1535) K^+$   
 $K^- \text{ "p"} \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi K^+$

$\Xi^-$  escape spectrum

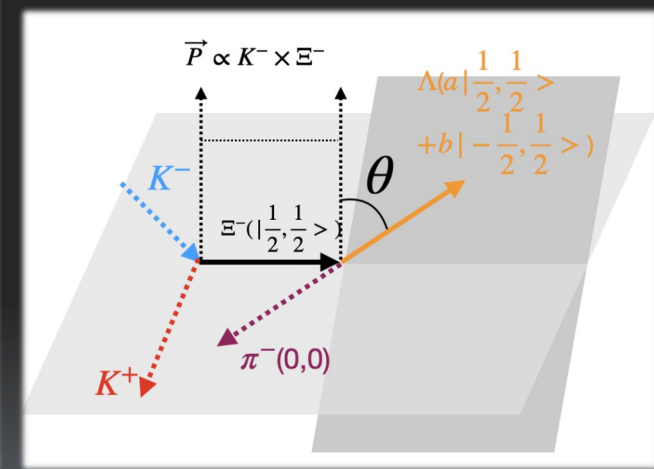
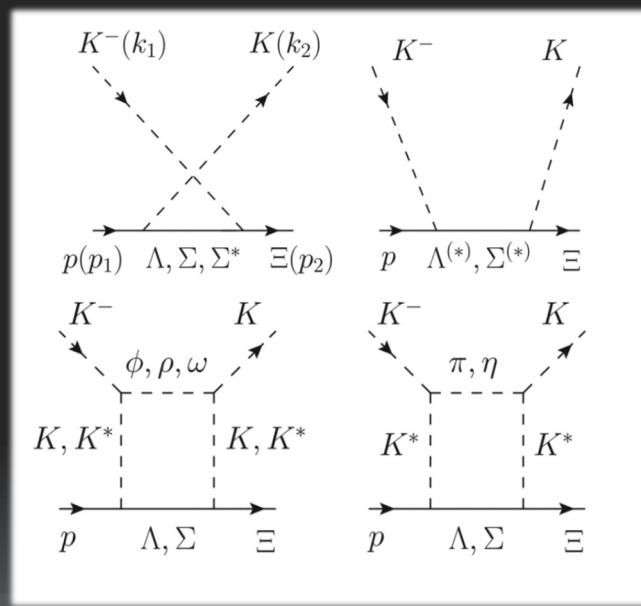
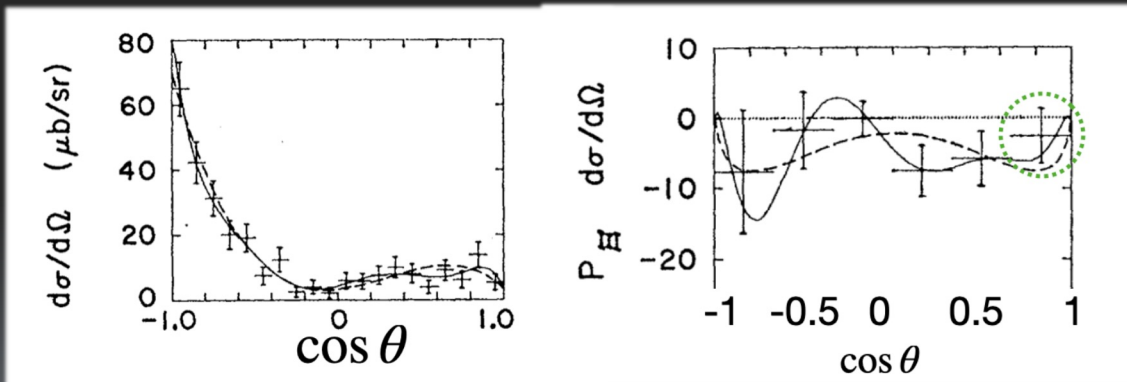
$\Xi^- p \rightarrow \Lambda\Lambda$  conversion spectrum



Byproduct.

# Polarization measurement of $\Xi$ and $\Xi^*(1535)$ via $p(K^-, K^+)\Xi/\Xi^*$

- Some "bump" structures in forward region of  $p(K^-, K^+)\Xi^-$  with existing data [4]
- Accounted for by significant contribution from s-channel  $\Lambda(2100, 7/2^-)$  and  $\Sigma(2300, 7/2^+)$  [5]
- Polarization study is required to investigate the spin structure
- E42 can approach  $\cos\theta > 0.83$  region.
  - Decay amplitude  $\rightarrow$  angular distribution
  - Angular distribution  $\rightarrow$  polarization



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# Study of ChSB effect by measuring $K^*(892)$ vector mass via $^{12}\text{C}(K^-, p)$

- Chiral symmetry is believed to be partially restored in nuclear medium
- $K^*(892)$  are suitable for studying possible in-medium modification of mass because of smaller width of the mass than other meson candidates
- HypTPC can observe  $K^*(892)$  by reconstructing  $K_S^0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-$  and finally  $K^*(892) \rightarrow K_S^0\pi^-$

$J^{PC} = 1^{--}$	$J^{PC} = 1^{++}$
$\rho(775)$ ~ 147 MeV/c	$a_1(1260)$ ~ 250 MeV/c
$\omega(782)$ ~ 8.5 MeV/c	$f_1(1285)$ ~ 24 MeV/c
$\phi(1020)$ ~ 4.2 MeV/c	
$K^*(892)$ ~ 50 MeV/c	$K_1(1270)$ ~ 90 MeV/c

